

REMARKS

Upon the filing of the present application, original claims 1-27 were cancelled and claims 28-43 were presented for examination.

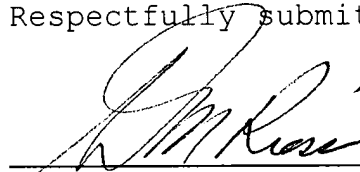
It was subsequently discovered that some of the claims that were cancelled and/or present in the immediately preceding parent application, but not elected, should have remained in this application. Accordingly, those claims have been reasserted by this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment as new claims 44-50.

Favorable consideration and allowance of all of the currently pending claims 28-50 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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